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REQUEST FOR PRE-FIRST OFFICE ACTION INTERVIEW
OF APPLICATION CLASSIFIED IN CLASS 705 AND ASSIGNED TO ART UNIT 3624 UNDER THE
PILOT PROGRAM INITIATED MAY 3, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests an interview in the above-identified application prior to the first Office Action under the Patent Office's pilot program to permit pre-first Office Action interviews for applications classified in Class 705 and assigned to art units 3624 and 3628. Applicant's request complies with the requirements outlined in the Patent Office publication titled *Notice of Pilot Program to Permit Pre-First Office Action Interview for Applications Assigned to Art Units 3624 and 3628 and Request for Comments on Pilot Program*.

Applicant has filed concurrently herewith a grantable Petition to Make Special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and MPEP § 708.02(VIII). The Petition to Make Special includes: (a) a general statement of no more than 200 words of the state of the art at the time of the invention; and (b) an identification of no more than three references believed to be the "closest" prior art and an explanation as to how the broadest claim distinguishes over the submitted prior art.

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The Patent Office has assigned the current application to art unit 3624 and has classified the application in Class 705.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully requests a pre-first Office Action interview. If any issues exist that can be resolved by telephone, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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